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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for optometric services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 376.1227, to read as follows:

376.1227. 1. No contract between a health carrier or health benefit plan and an optometrist for the provision of optometric services under a vision plan shall require that the optometrist provide optometric services to insureds in the vision plan at a fee established by the health carrier or health benefit plan if such optometric services are not covered services under the vision plan.

2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Covered services", services reimbursable by a health carrier or health benefit plan under an applicable vision plan, subject to such contractual limitations on benefits as may apply, including but not limited to deductibles, waiting periods, or frequency limitations;

(2) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350;

(3) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350;

(4) "Vision plan", any policy or contract of insurance which provides for coverage of vision care services.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.